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Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-15, and 27-29 are pending in the present application after this amendment cancels claims 5 and 12. Claims 1, 10, 15, and 27-29 have been amended to correct typographic errors and/or to clarify the subject matter of the claimed invention. No new matter is added by amendments and new claims, which find support throughout the specification and figures. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-15, and 27-29 (claims 5 and 12 having been canceled) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §. 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,805,699 to Akiyama et al. (hereinafter Akiyama). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 1 relates to a copy management system that includes, *inter alia*, a user terminal device, which comprises copy means for copying the content stored in the storage media to a first storage device, and which transmits device identification information attached to the user terminal device together with the unique media identification information of the storage media. In the copy management system of amended claim 1, *the user terminal device deletes the copy enabling information after copying the content.*

The present invention has the advantage of being able to prevent unauthorized copying of content, since the user terminal device cannot copy the content again after copying the content by the above constitution.

The Examiner asserts that Akiyama discloses the feature of amended claim 1, formerly of claim 5, of the user terminal device deleting the copy enabling information after copying the content. However, the Examiner apparently discusses a server device transmitting information and a user terminal device encrypting, copying, storing, and

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decrypting data. (Office Action; page 5, section 10). Without admitting the veracity of these assertions, Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action is completely silent with respect to any *deleting*. Furthermore, the Office Action cites Figure 7 in support of the rejection of claim 5, the features of which are now incorporated in claim 1. However, Figure 7 does not disclose or suggest any deleting, nor more particularly, deleting copy enabling information after copying the content. Since Akiyama does not disclose or suggest all of the features of amended claim 1, claim 1 is allowable over the reference.

Claims 2-4 and 6-9 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 10 relates to a computer readable storage media which has been stored with a user terminal device information processing program and media identification information. The information processing program of amended claim 10 includes, *inter alia*, a step of deleting the copy enabling information after copying the content.

Therefore, for at least the same reasons as claim 1 is allowable, claim 10 is also allowable over the cited references.

Claims 11, 13, and 14 depend from claim 10 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 10 is allowable.

Independent claims 15 and 27-29 includes features similar to either of claims 1 or 10, and therefore these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 10 are allowable.
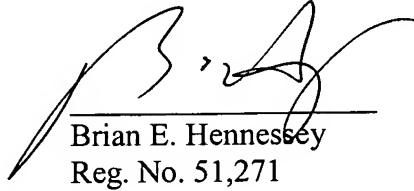
In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the

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Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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